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## **MAYOR BOB FILNER CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

### **Mayor Bob Filner Welcomes Comic-Con to San Diego and backs Convention Center Expansion!!!**

(San Diego) – “I am dedicated to keeping Comic-Con here in San Diego. That dedication includes my support for expanding the San Diego Convention Center. I am pleased to announce that I have been working closely with the Center’s Board of Directors and San Diego business leaders to develop a solid plan for the expansion effort. I support what the Board has in mind and will be working with City staff at all levels to ensure we do everything necessary to get the project underway and completed in a timely fashion.

“For the past 43 years, Comic-Con International and its predecessors have shown the world how innovation and good ideas can become powerful economic engines. Our City has been host and incubator to the entrepreneurs and visionaries who elevated the popular graphic arts to the heights of common culture. San Diego has benefitted in countless ways from this extraordinary event and I am honored to welcome the organizers, attendees and local beneficiaries of Comic-Con to our great City.

“The expansion effort is important for our entire City. Whether you attend Comic-Con or merely revel in the spectacle it brings to downtown, there is no mistaking the benefits it brings to local businesses. An expanded Convention Center can help us extend those benefits by attracting more and larger conventions

like Comic-Con to our City. It will certainly give us the space we need to continue serving Comic-Con and its visitors for years to come.

“Congratulations to everyone involved in this year’s event and thanks to everyone working to ensure Comic-Con keeps coming home to the San Diego Convention Center. I look forward to many more years of celebrating the power of innovation and good ideas.”

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